



The Governor's Prevention Partnership Hires Veronica DeLandro as Director of Community Engagement



July 31, 2018, Wethersfield, CT – The Governor's Prevention Partnership (The Partnership) has hired Veronica DeLandro to head its community engagement efforts statewide.

Ms. DeLandro's role involves leading and developing partnerships with local and statewide stakeholders with a focus on the state's major urban areas. She will convene and facilitate these key relationships to further youth mentoring, as well as alcohol, other drug and violence prevention initiatives. The multi-faceted position focuses on community engagement, promoting effective mentoring and positive relationships with adults, identifying community readiness to implement environmental change strategies and building agendas at local levels to support The Partnership's statewide agenda to ensure that young people are safe, successful and drug free.

DeLandro first joined The Partnership in 2005 to help launch and spearhead the Connecticut Mentoring Partnership's Urban Mentoring Initiative in seven communities (Hartford, Waterbury, Norwich, Bridgeport, New Haven, Willimantic and New Britain).

DeLandro's track record of leading nonprofits over the last past 15 years led to significant growth, sustainability and successful program implementation. She is a local leader with statewide and national experience whose personal drive and commitment help grow and expand organizations through strategic planning, fundraising and development relationships.

An active community volunteer and leader, her involvement in several boards and organizations includes: Hartford Foundation for Public Giving's Black Giving Circle, and New Britain Branch of the NAACP. She has also served on several boards including the Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity and John E. Rogers African American Cultural Center. In 2012, DeLandro was selected by Connecticut Magazine as one of their "40 under 40" rising leaders and was recognized and honored for her work around diversity, equity, inclusion, philanthropy and community leadership at the 2017 Minority Inclusion Project Honors.

DeLandro earned her bachelor's degree in Mass Media Arts with a concentration in Broadcast Journalism from Hampton University in Hampton, VA, and her master's degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Nonprofit Management from the University of Connecticut.

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Created in 1989, the Governor's Prevention Partnership is a not-for-profit partnership between state government and business leaders with a mission to keep Connecticut's youth, safe, successful and drugfree. Co-chaired by Governor Malloy and a local business leader, the organization focuses on positive school climate, mentoring and the prevention of underage drinking and substance abuse. Learn more at www.PreventionWorksCT.org